



# MINUTES

## FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

### March 24, 2021

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

#### MEMBERS

Commissioner Travis Collins, Region 1  
Commissioner Tony McAlister, Region 2  
Commissioner Austin Grant, Region 3  
Commissioner Jamie Brock, Region 4

Commissioner Brandon Burton, Region 5  
Chief Larry Greer, County Fire Chief  
Brady Norris, Deputy Chief  
Steven Zahn, Secretary

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present and Steven Zahn, Secretary.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

#### Call to Order

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 1800.

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved

A conflict between the Rescue & Fire Commission meetings in November was discussed. Motion to move the Fire Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

#### Radio Committee Report:

Steven reported that reports are needed from the Fire & Rescue Chiefs concerning areas in their districts where the digital radio communications is not satisfactory. This is to identify where to test for additional radio repeaters or voting receivers. A deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> so we can keep on schedule. In addition, a list of additional needed channels has been requested and a reminder to order mobile & portable radios for their departments & squads installed no later than October 1, 2021.

#### Chief Larry Greer:

Discussed fire helmet color suggestion. Fire Chiefs are considering this option & will revisit it at their next meeting.

Discussed POV Code 3 driving requirements. The SOGs are located in ERS. In addition, Emergency Vehicle Response SOG is in ERS. In response to Travis' question, Chief Greer said that the appropriate department Chief investigates any complaints regarding driving. All members who run Code 3 need to complete the county requirements for this. Turn in paperwork to Chief who will send copies to county.

Chief Greer will begin to visit the departments to see what may be needed. He will come to meetings if invited.

#### Fire Commission Representatives' Reports:

Region 1: Staffing issues discussion took place. Radio issues.

Region 2: ID Cards needed. Steven suggested they send him the needed paperwork.

Region 3: No issues

Region 4: Med calls are becoming intrusive. Looking for options. Box Alarm system.

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Region 5: Helmet colors & ID Cards OK. On scene accountability a problem. Table to next meeting. Discuss with rescue. Closest unit GPS. County equipment assigned to stations being moved to other areas.

Brandon requested that Steven keep a list of issues that need further discussion.

The Fire Chiefs wanted the Fire Commission to discuss;

Hose Testing. Brady is getting updated quotes for 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing.

Lift Assist calls. How much money does the county pays EMS? Isn't it EMS's job to handle these calls?

FDs running med calls being restocked. Can get restocked on scene or at OMH.

Shaun Hamilton going in for triple bypass surgery. Keep him in our prayers.

Discussed adding "Public Comments" to the future Agendas. Input will be requested from the County Attorney.

Tony made a motion to not add "Public Comments" to the Agendas. This motion died for lack of a second.

Tony McAlister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1904 with Travis seconding. A unanimous vote followed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Fire Advisory Commissions Meeting will be held on April 15, 2021 beginning at 1800.

### **Adjourn:**

Commission McAlister made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 1904.

  
Steven Zahn, Secretary

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